

FORT MILL MELANGE.

Points Gathered for the Perusal of Times Readers.

Wm. S. Nicholson, of Rock Hill, was in Fort Mill Monday. Nine years ago Mr. Nicholson moved from this town to Rock Hill without a dollar in his pockets. Since that time he has built up a splendid grocery business in our sister city and is making money—not to burn, however, but to lay aside for the inevitable rainy day.

A young white man who gave his name as Tim Johnston was fined \$1.50 by the town authorities last Wednesday for stealing a ride on a northbound passenger train that morning. Another young man was arrested upon the same charge, but he proved that the conductor collected his fare, and he was liberated without making a contribution.

The successful bidder for the approaches to the bridge which is to be built by the county across Catawba River at Sutton's Ferry is to get only \$5 less for the work than the Spratt Machine Company, of Fort Mill, proposed to do the work for. Some regret was expressed when the fact became known that the local company lost the work by such a small margin.

In the presence of a number of relatives and invited friends, George W. Butler, of Fort Mill, and Miss Myrtle Cousart, of Pleasant Valley, were married by Rev. R. A. Yonque in Pleasant Hill Methodist Church last evening. Mr. Butler is the second son of the superintendent of the lower mill in this place and Miss Cousart is the fourth daughter of our townsman J. L. Cousart.

J. E. Edwards, a young white man who came to this town about five weeks ago from Spray, N. C., to accept a position in the upper mill, met with a painful accident while playing baseball on the local diamond Saturday afternoon. A batted ball struck him fairly in the mouth, dislocating three teeth and splitting the avelar. Dr. Grigg, who attended him, says that his injuries are not as serious as was at first supposed.

Mr. J. S. Kimbrell, one of Fort Mill's most substantial planters, sold five bales of cotton on this market last Thursday, for which he received \$500. Had he sold the cotton immediately after it was picked, he would have received little more than \$300 for it. While in town he informed the reporter that he barrowed a few acres of cotton last Wednesday, which work was probably in advance of any of like character done elsewhere in the township this spring.

James "Depot" White, an old colored man who had lived in this community all his life, died of pneumonia last Thursday night. Jim was one of the few darkeys of ante-bellum manners left in this township. He enjoyed the respect and confidence of all the white people to whom he was known, and for a number of years he was employed on Saturdays in one of the stores in this place. Before the war he was a slave in the family of Capt. S. E. White, who taught him honesty and the observance of the respect due his superiors.

Yesterday afternoon Constable Lee Warren undertook to serve a warrant, which had been issued by Magistrate McElhaney, on a negro named Amos Jackson in Catawba Township. Jackson objected to being arrested and struck the constable with his fist, in return for which he received a pistol ball in his forehead. The ball evidently did the negro little harm, however, as he succeeded in getting possession of the pistol in the struggle which followed. Luckily the pistol became unbreached in the struggle and he was unable to shoot the constable. An effort was made to arrest the negro last night, the constable having failed to do so, but the reporter is not informed whether he was taken.

Word reached Fort Mill Monday morning announcing the death of Rev. E. G. Price at his home in Cheraw Saturday afternoon. Mr. Price had been in Cheraw as pastor of the Methodist church only a few months, but notwithstanding the fact that he had been ill and confined indoors during the greater part of the time, he made a great many friends in that town. His lingering illness made it impossible for him to devote much time to his church duties, and when death came to him on the 25th ultimo it occasioned little surprise to those who were acquainted with his true condition. A wife and four children are left to mourn his death. Mr. Price was pastor of the Fort Mill Methodist Church about ten years ago, and during his pastorate the handsome church on Booth street was built. He was a very enterprising minister, and did much to further the interests of every church of which he was pastor.

Gold Hill Academy Exhibition.

On last Thursday the editor, accompanied by a friend, had the pleasure of attending the school exhibition at Gold Hill Academy. The picnic on that day was a joyous affair and highly appreciated by all in attendance. A full supply of good things and an orderly assembly made one feel that the reputation of that community for doing things well was not undeserved; their hospitality is not excelled by their ability to provide, and visitors are always welcomed with cordiality.

The exercises began on Tuesday, and the scholars for four days evidenced the good work of teachers and the interest taken in their advancement by all the patrons. It is well established that no school can prosper without these two foundation stones.

Tuesday night, contests were had for two silver medals. One given by the school for the best recitation in the primary department was awarded to little Clara McCoy; the other, given by W. F. Boyd for the best recitation, was awarded to Miss Myrtle Smith. A gold medal, given by W. H. Crook for the best recitation in the intermediate department, was awarded to Leslie Epps. The large crowd present was greatly pleased at the manner in which scholars acquitted themselves and the orderly way in which the exercises were conducted.

Wednesday night occurred the debate by the members of the composition class on the question, "Resolved, That the Works of Nature are more Pleading to the Eye than the Arts of Man." The decision was awarded the affirmative. A larger crowd than on the previous night expressed great satisfaction, and congratulations were showered on the debaters.

On Thursday, Miss Edna Faris, teacher of the primary and intermediate departments, gave her students a picnic—the one we attended, as above stated. Swings, seesaws, and other machines for making pleasure and amusement were erected in the woods, and all went as "merry as a marriage bell" without being disturbed by mishaps. It was pleasing to the seniors to see the youngsters so happy. The Hon. Mr. McMahan, State Superintendent of Education, of Columbia, and W. H. Stewart, of Rock Hill, were present. Both made speeches suitable to the occasion, complimenting the work of teachers and patrons, as well as the proficiency of the scholars. This is probably the first time a State officer has visited this community on such an occasion.

Thursday night brought on the concert; also a contest by a class of girls for a gold medal given by Rev. R. A. Yonque, which was won by Miss Hammie Smith on a recitation of "Little Orphan Annie." The concert was under direction of Miss Mary Belk, who organized the class only three months ago. Their renditions were excellent for so short an experience, and showed the attentive efforts of students, as well as the efficiency of their teacher.

On Friday, "Commencement Day," there were contests for four gold medals—two given by the school, one by County Superintendent of Education J. E. Carroll, the other by Hon. W. H. Stewart, who says he will do likewise every year as long as he is able. These were awarded as follows: To Elmore Crook for declamation, "Some Southern Heroes;" to John L. Boyd, declamation, "The Black Horse and His Rider;" to Miss Bessie Faris, recitation, "The Starred Fawn's Revenge;" to Miss Corinne Faris, recitation, "Power of Prayer." Where all did so well it would be presumptuous in us to make distinctions. Plenty of evidence was afforded that the scholars and teachers had done their duty during the past term, and that the parents were alive to their responsibility in the matter of educating their children.

The principal of the school, Jackson Hamilton, A. M., announced in programmes prepared for this occasion, that the next term of the school will open on Monday, July 16th, 1900. He and his assistants have done good work and deserve credit for so much progress made.

On Friday night the students had their annual party. People from neighboring communities gathered with the natives; and all had a grandly glorious winding up of the old year—school year. The students will doubtless make the most of their vacation in doing works of kindness and necessity, as well as in enjoying their freedom from the school room. We hope they will not forget the old folks, who have toiled and denied themselves that the young ones might be improved and profited.

May Long Life and prosperity attend to Gold Hill Academy.

Democratic Officers and Delegates.

Pursuant to a call published in these columns last week, a meeting of the Fort Mill Democratic Club was held in the Town Hall Saturday afternoon, there being present a goodly number of party men. President C. T. Crook occupied the chair, and after calling the meeting to order the first business transacted was the appointment of a committee to nominate club officers to serve during the two ensuing years. The deliberations of the committee resulted in the nomination of the following gentlemen, who were unanimously elected: C. T. Crook, president; D. A. Lee, first vice-president; T. M. Hughes, second vice-president; W. R. Bradford, secretary; and M. W. Grigg, treasurer. The new president and secretary made short speeches thanking the club for the honor conferred upon them, after which C. P. Blankenship was elected a member of the county executive committee. Candidates were then nominated to represent this township in the county convention, which is to meet in the court-house at Yorkville on Monday, May 7. No opposition developed as the names of those who were proposed was announced, and the following gentlemen were unanimously elected delegates and alternates to the convention, the name of each delegate's alternate appearing immediately after his own:

H. W. Hoffman, J. M. Armstrong; D. G. Kimbrell, P. H. Bennett; F. Niles, W. M. Culp; Capt. S. E. White, W. R. Bradford; J. M. Spratt, H. F. Ball; J. W. McElhaney, F. H. Johnston; Hon. S. H. Epps, Sr., J. W. Ardrey; J. H. Sutton, Edgar Jones, J. L. Kimbrell, Henderson Coltharp, J. M. Faris, W. O. Bates; C. T. Crook, J. H. Coltharp; David Lindsay, T. N. Alexander; W. H. Windle, J. P. Epps.

Death of Miss Ida M. Spratt.

Miss Ida M. Spratt, whose illness was noted in these columns last week, died of consumption at the home of her brother, Mr. J. M. Spratt, in this place last Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock, and her remains were interred in the family burial lot in the Fort Mill cemetery on Wednesday afternoon. Early in life Miss Spratt united here with the Presbyterian Church of Fort Mill, but removed her membership to Newman Street Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Fla. about eighteen years ago, having gone to that city to live with her uncle, Col. L. W. Spratt. She was a consistent, Christian woman and was 42 years of age.

The Buford Monument.

EDITOR TIMES: On a recent tour through country ways it was my fortune to pass Dwight, a post-office and crossroad about 10 miles east of Lancaster, S. C. Thirty years ago the crossroad was in the wilderness; now there is civilization and culture all around. Two stores and a post-office are at the crossing, and the habitations of farmers dot the fields in three directions; original forest still holds the southwest quarter.

About 400 yards down the Rocky River road the traveler catches sight of a monument. It is a marble shaft set on granite, about 10 feet high, and averaging a foot and a half on its four faces. On it proper inscriptions inform one why and to whom it was erected.

On May 29, 1780, a regiment of Virginians, about 350 strong, under Col. Abraham Buford, were attacked by Tarleton with about 850 infantry and a like number of cavalry. After spirited resistance the Virginians saw they were overpowered and that escape from cavalry would be impossible, so they surrendered. The British paid little attention to the throwing down of arms and continued to slaughter the Americans for some time. Thus arose the American war cry, "Remember Tarleton's quarters."

Eighty-four of the brave Virginians lie buried in one grave on the west side of the road. To their memory the people of Lancaster County erected the monument; and the grave was inclosed by a low wall of loose stone. The governor of Virginia, on representations and requests of citizens of Dwight and its surrounding country, has taken steps to furnish an iron fence, and the citizens of the neighborhood will haul and erect it.

In writing of this battle a British historian says: "The virtue of humanity was totally forgot." Coming from that source it must be true.

The Virginians had got as far as Camden, going to the relief of Charleston, but learning that the city had fallen they were returning to their command. Just above Dwight is a flourishing church, and near it one of the best schools in the county. M.

NOTICE.—Dr. W. A. Fressley, of Rock Hill, will visit Fort Mill professionally Thursday, May 3. Those wishing dental work will find him at the office of Dr. Alexander.

Who does not admire, says the Saturday Evening Post, the pluck which this incident exemplifies? History abounds with illustrations showing that it is this bulldog tenacity that wins life's battles whether fought in the field, the mart, the Senate, or the forum. It was the bold onset made by resolute men against troops that had maintained successfully a hard day's combat that turned the scale at Lutzen in favor of the Swedes and broke the charm of Wallenstein's invincibility.

It was the pluck of Isaac Newton that led him, when he stood at school at the bottom of the lowermost form but one, to thrash the boy above him who had kicked him and then to determine to vanquish him as a scholar, which he also did, rising to the head of his class. It was this quality that was prominent in Liebig in his youth—the "booby" of his school, who, when sneeringly asked one day by the master what he proposed to become, since he was so poor a scholar, answered that he would be a chemist—a reply which provoked a laugh of derision from the whole school. Yet he lived to become one of the most eminent chemists of modern Europe.

Who can think without a thrill of admiration of that glover's apprentice in Glasgow, Scotland, who battled with almost incredible earnestness and persistence against the obstacles that confronted him in the acquisition of knowledge? Living with a relative, an old woman, who was too poor to afford him a candle or even a bright firelight, he read books in the street by the light of a shop window and, when the shop was closed, climbed a lamp post, and clinging to it with one hand, held his book in the other, and thus mastered its contents. Who can wonder that he became one of his country's eminent scholars?

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